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April 19, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

51 April 19, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO GRANT AWARD AGREEMENTS (GAA) WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE (CDI) FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD (WCIF), DISABILITY AND HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FRAUD (DHIF), AND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD (AIF) PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

The Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud (WCIF), Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud (DHIF), and Automobile Insurance Fraud (AIF) Programs support enhanced investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation fraud cases, fraudulent disability and healthcare insurance claims, and organized automobile insurance fraud activity, respectively. The District Attorney is requesting the Board sign the attached resolutions required to enter into three Grant Award Agreements (GAA) with California Department of Insurance (CDI) for grant funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the attached Resolutions authorizing the District Attorney to enter into an agreement for each of the WCIF, DHIF, and AIF Programs with the State of California, Department of Insurance (CDI) for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. There is no required County match for these grants.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On February 17, 2011, the District Attorney's Office (DA) received the FY 2011-12 Request for Applications (RFAs) from CDI for WCIF, DHIF, and AIF Programs. The objective of these programs is to develop an active partnership in anti-fraud efforts.

The attached Resolutions require Board adoption as part of the Grant Award Agreement (GAA). The attached Resolutions have been approved as to form by County Counsel and adoption of the Resolutions will satisfy County and State requirements.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Public Safety, to ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The District Attorney's Office will notify the Board once funds have been awarded to WCIF, DHIF, and AIF Programs for FY 2011-12.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Insurance Code Sections 1872.83(d) (WCIF), 1872.85 (c)(2) (DHIF) and 1872.8(b)(1)(D) (AIF), CDI is authorized to award and distribute certain funds to District Attorneys submitting plans approved by the Fraud Division for the increased investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation fraud cases, fraudulent disability and healthcare insurance claims, and organized automobile insurance fraud activity, respectively.

The DA has been awarded funding for the WCIF for the past eighteen years, DHIF for six years, AIF for eighteen years.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These programs do not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the DA is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

### **CONCLUSION**

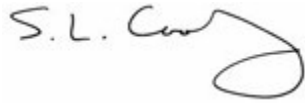
The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two (2) copies of the adopted Board Letter, and two (2) copies each of the executed Resolutions to Ms. Emily Aidells, District Attorney's Office, 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, California, 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Aidells at (213) 202-7674.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. L. Cooley", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

STEVE COOLEY

District Attorney

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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3                                   **RESOLUTION**

4                                   **Authorization to Accept a Grant Award from the**  
5                                   **State of California, Department of Insurance**  
6                                   **Pursuant to California Insurance Code**  
7                                   **Chapter 12, commencing with § 1871, et seq.**

8                                   **WHEREAS, the provisions of § 1872.83 of the California**  
9                                   **Insurance Code authorize the State of California, Department of Insurance to**  
10                                   **award and distribute certain funds to District Attorneys submitting plans**  
11                                   **approved by the Fraud Division for the increased investigation and**  
12                                   **prosecution of fraudulent workers' compensation claims; and the District**  
13                                   **Attorney is charged with providing prosecution of all felony offenses**  
14                                   **committed within this County; and**

15                                   **WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County**  
16                                   **recognizes that fraudulent claims are costing our citizens millions of dollars**  
17                                   **annually, with thousands of jobs being lost due to local business closures**  
18                                   **precipitated by escalating workers' compensation costs caused by fraud; and**

19                                   **WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles, acting through its Board**  
20                                   **of Supervisors, desires to combat workers' compensation insurance fraud by**  
21                                   **undertaking a certain project designated the "Workers' Compensation**  
22                                   **Insurance Fraud Program" by the District Attorney, to be funded through**  
23                                   **funds made available by the Insurance Fraud Prevention Act as provided for**  
24                                   **pursuant to California Insurance Code § 1872.83, administered by the State**  
25                                   **of California, Department of Insurance; and**

26                                   **WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Insurance**  
                                  **approved the fraud reduction plan submitted by the Los Angeles County District**

1 **Attorney's Office for FY 2011-2012, for the Workers' Compensation Insurance**  
2 **Fraud Program for this specific task.**

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors**  
4 **of the County of Los Angeles hereby authorizes and approves acceptance of grant**  
5 **funds from the State of California, Department of Insurance, to be used**  
6 **exclusively for the program designated the "Workers' Compensation Insurance**  
7 **Fraud Program" for the period covering July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012;**

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles**  
9 **hereby authorizes the District Attorney to serve as Project Director and to**  
10 **perform all further tasks necessary for the completion of the project, including**  
11 **any extensions, execution and submission of amendments, progress reports,**  
12 **and payment requests relating to the Grant Award Agreement;**

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3 April, 2011, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

4 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
5 affixed the seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles  
6 this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.



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By Mike Antonovich  
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM  
14 BY COUNTY COUNSEL:

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ATTEST: SACHI A. HAMAI  
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9 **Insurance Code authorize the State of California, Department of Insurance to**  
10 **award and distribute certain funds to District Attorneys submitting plans**  
11 **approved by the Fraud Division for the increased investigation and**  
12 **prosecution of fraudulent disability and healthcare insurance claims; and the**  
13 **District Attorney is charged with providing prosecution of all felony offenses**  
14 **committed within this County; and**

15                                   **WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County**  
16 **recognizes that fraudulent healthcare and disability insurance claims are costing**  
17 **our citizens millions of dollars annually, as reflected in higher insurance premiums**  
18 **and increased costs for medical services and equipment; and**

19                                   **WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles, acting through its Board**  
20 **of Supervisors, desires to combat disability and healthcare insurance fraud**  
21 **by undertaking a certain project designated the "Disability and Healthcare**  
22 **Insurance Fraud Program" by the District Attorney, to be funded pursuant to**  
23 **the Insurance Fraud Prevention Act as provided in California Insurance Code**  
24 **§ 1872.85 and administered by the State of California, Department of**  
25 **Insurance; and**

26                                   **WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Insurance**  
**approved the fraud reduction plan submitted by the Los Angeles County District**

1 **Attorney's Office for FY 2011-2012, for the Disability and Healthcare Insurance**  
2 **Fraud Program.**

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6 **exclusively for the program designated the "Disability and Healthcare Insurance**  
7 **Fraud Program" for the period covering July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012;**

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15                                   **WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles, acting through its Board of**  
16                                   **Supervisors, desires to combat automobile insurance fraud by undertaking a**  
17                                   **certain project designated the "Automobile Insurance Fraud Program" by the**  
18                                   **District Attorney, to be funded through funds made available by the Insurance**  
19                                   **Fraud Prevention Act as provided for pursuant to California Insurance Code**  
20                                   **§1872.8, administered by the State of California, Department of Insurance; and**

21                                   **WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Insurance**  
22                                   **approved the fraud reduction plan submitted by the Los Angeles County District**  
23                                   **Attorney's Office for FY 2011-2012, for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program**  
24                                   **for this specific task.**

25                                   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors**  
26                                   **of the County of Los Angeles hereby authorizes and approves acceptance of grant**  
                                      **funds from the State of California, Department of Insurance, to be used**

1 exclusively for the program designated the "Automobile Insurance Fraud Program"  
2 for the period covering July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012;

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles  
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